

## AGRICULTURAL.

**HOW MUCH SNUFF WE TAKE.**—An astonishing amount of snuff and tobacco is consumed in the United States, but while the pernicious habit of chewing seems to be on the increase, the lovers of healthy reform will be glad to learn that the practice of snuff-taking is thought to be on the decline. The Lorillard manufactory is the largest one in the world, and pays more internal revenue tax to the government than a score of other shops combined. That the reader may gain some idea of the vast extent of their business we append a few figures. At the present time their tax is about one hundred thousand dollars a month, or more than one million dollars a year. Their printing bill for labels &c., amount to over one thousand dollars a month. The average amount of stock on hand for six years reaches the enormous figure of one million three hundred thousand pounds. The amount of stock on hand for the year just past, 1866, reached three millions of pounds. In 1860 over one million pounds of snuff alone were packed by this house, no less than forty-one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five stone jars, averaging four, eight, fifteen, and twenty-five pounds each being turned out, beside three millions of bottles full of snuff.

**PLANTING VEGETABLE SEED.**—Most of the books and papers recommend planting Lima beans with the eye down, but I have had enough of that system. Last year I planted part eyes down, and part I threw in any way. Those I planted with eyes down came up two days later, and where not half as vigorous or productive. A good support is made by planting sunflowers amongst them at the same time. Break off the lower leaves as fast as they grow, leaving but a few at the top, or they will shade the beans too much. The sunflower seed are also valuable as a food for poultry.

As to planting Carrots, I soak the seed 24 hours in lukewarm rain water, drain off the water and stir in plaster until they separate. I prefer plaster to sand (as recommended by your correspondent, H. L., in February number), on many accounts. The Belgian sorts yield more and pull easier than the Orange, but are not as good to feed milk cows. I soak Beet seed 48 hours, then mix white plaster as above. When planting Squashes, Melons and Cucumbers, I dig a hole and place therein from a peck to a half bushel of hog manure. Cauliflower and Cabbages head earlier and form larger heads on hills like this.—*Hannington Curator.*

**DESTROY WEEDS.**—Many farmers are in the habit of throwing all the weeds they collect about their farms on to the dung-hills. This is an excellent and economical practice, provided they are cut before they have gone to seed. But, unfortunately, weed cutting and gathering is rarely done while the weeds are green, and as a consequence, the next season, their posterior seeds are scattered broadcast over the farm with the manure, and, as is to be expected, a harvest of weeds and a heavy outlay of labor is the result. Never throw a weed which has ripened its seeds upon the dung-hill.

Let every farmer who desires clean grounds and profitable returns adopt the fixed rule that "No weeds shall be allowed to perfect their seeds undisturbed." Constant cutting will destroy most persistent perennial, and will certainly eradicate all annual plants. Briars and other bushes, if cut at the season referred to will soon disappear, and weedy portions of the farm are mowed or hoed before the plants mature their seeds the result must be their complete eradication.

**THE WASHING AND WRINKLING OF CLOTHES.**—A vast number of worthless machines have been sold, and we would like to call attention to washing machines but that we feel assured our readers will be benefitted by having their attention directed to the subject. These machines do not wear out the clothes as when washed and wrung by hand. They save much labor, and do their work without injury to the most delicate garments. No hands can wring clothes as well and as dry as the Universal Clothes Wringer, and a child ten years old can operate the machine. Nor is it economy to wash clothes in the old fashioned way, rubbing the skin off one's hands, and saturating one's clothes and person with the fumes of the wash tub. But as we have spoken of these machines before, we shall say no more about them for the present, other than to ask our readers to examine the advertisement in to-day's paper.

**CHICKEN GUANO FOR APPLE TREES.**—It is well known that the Yellow Bellflower is a very shy bearer in many locations. Mr. Cheeseman says he has found that a liberal mulch of chicken guano applied about the tree has caused abundant crops of excellent fruit, while other trees planted to same time, not so treated, have borne but little, and of inferior quality.

**MEADOW LANES.**—If meadow lands are depastured in autumn, they are stripped of their natural protection, and if depastured in spring, the shooting plants are "nipped in the bud." It is enough to carry off a crop of grass, too often, without making any return in the way of top-dressing, even on land laid down as a hungry waste, without stripping the land of the falling blades in autumn; or the young shoots in spring. This system of exhaustion can lead only to sterility and poverty.

**A DURABLE AND CHEAP FLOOR FOR A CELLAR.**—If the cellar has a good gravel bottom use grout without paving, if not pave with small stones and beat a little with a maul of any kind. After paving it, it is better to let it stand a week, walking occasionally on it. Then slack half a barrel of lime and mix with coarse sand; after a day or two mix again and beat a little with a maul of cement, then overlay your floor and make it smooth. You have a floor for all time. The above will cost a space of about 600 square feet. Rats may enter by the door or window, but by no other entrance, after this floor becomes hard.

## NEW RESTAURANT,

In Shive's Building, on Main Street.  
**V.M. GILMORE,**  
Informs the citizens of Bloomsburg and vicinity that he has opened

**RESTAURANT,**  
in this place, where he invites his old friends and customers to eat and partake of his refreshments. It is his intention to keep the best hotel.

**LAGER BEER AND ALE,**  
constantly on hand; Also, Porter, Bassanova, Mtn. Water, Fancy Lemonades, Raspberry and Lemon Syrups, can always be had at his Restaurant.

In the eating line he presents a

**BILL OF FARE**

not prepared in this place, viz., Pickledysters, Tomato Soups, Fish, Barbecue, Chilled Pickles, Tripe and Beef Tongue, &c., &c. He also has a good

article of

*Cigars and Chewing Tobacco*

for his customers. Give him a call.

Bloomsburg, June 13, 1866.

**GREAT BARGAINS**

AND

**Reduction in Prices.**

The undersigned will offer to the public

**GREAT BARGAINS**

in all kinds of

**MANUFACTURES,**

Such as

**DYED GOODS.**

**GROCERIES.**

**QUEENSWARE.**

**BOOTS and SHOES.**

**HATS, CAPS.**

and Necessities in every variety.

Our business from the first of January, will be conducted on a strictly

**CASH SYSTEM,**

and persons wishing to purchase anything in our store can do so at very small percentage on

**Current Wholesale Prices.**

All kinds of produce and grain taken in exchange.

We cordially invite the public to

**GIVE US A CALL,**

and a share of their patronage.

MENINCH & SHUMAN.

Catonsville, January 3, 1867.

**LUMBER ! LUMBER !!**

The BLOOMSBURG LUMBERING COMPANY, would respectfully inform the public that they have their

**PLANING MILL**

now open, operating with an extensive assortment of

**LUMBER**

and are now prepared to supply all orders at short notice and at the lowest price for cash. Their assortment of lumber consists of

**White Pine Plank, Boards,**

**Flooring, Surface Boards,**

**Siding, Hemlock Plank,**

lumber unplaned, to cut purchases. Frame Boxes, Staves and Casks, of all sizes.

Their Planing Mill and round yard is situated at the Barrard Depot,

and is constantly manufacturing boards of all kinds and persons who desire lumber of every description will well to examine their stock before purchasing. All lumber is planed and perfectly prepared to sell as cheap as the cheapest.

The valued sites in the country warrant a visit to the lumber yards, and the article cannot be sent by mail, where Clubs are made up, and no more desired, with the money, will still forward by express (charge extra) for your delivery.

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